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TOPICAL USE OF PROBIOTIC BACILLUS SPORES TO PREVENT OR

CONTROL MICROBIAL INFECTIONS

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee.

With the three-month extension, these documents are due on or before March 28, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-501 NATL.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.